

COTLAND YARD TO KEEP SLEUTH

Unlikely That Wensley, Great Detective, Will Come to United States.

London.—Law-abiding citizens of Chicago who were elated over the prospect that Chief Constable Frederick Wensley, who has recently returned from Scotland Yard, would be named to the Chicago police force, are doomed to disappointment. It has not been made public who designated the plan to bring the famous British detective to America, but it is believed that the idea was conceived by certain groups who think that some drastic efforts should be made to clean up the heavily entrenched crime syndicate in Chicago. The city expects to attract many visitors to its fair in 1933.

It was reported here recently that Constable Wensley had been offered a very large salary to go to Chicago, but the identity of the person or group making the offer was carefully concealed. As soon as his retirement from Scotland Yard was announced, the Chicago bid made public, Paris made him a flattering offer to take charge of its police force. Constable Wensley has not yet announced his future plans. He is now sixty-four years old, which is the age limit for constables, although a special one-year extension was offered him by Scotland Yard because of his remarkable record. There are indications that he may accept this tender.

Would Face Hard Task.
It is admitted that he would confront one of the hardest tasks of his career if he accepted the Chicago offer. He would encounter dirty politics, some indifferent judges, professional ruses, many corrupt co-workers, and the world's boldest criminals, and his best efforts might go for naught.

It will be a great day for British and international crooks when Constable Wensley or "Fred," as the underworld usually calls him, retires to his home in the London police force. He has become the terror of the underworld; for many years he has been at the head of the criminal investigation department of the C. I. D., devoting all his time to detective work.

He is not in the least spectacular in his methods; he is quiet and slow of speech but remarkably alert of mind and has solved some of his most difficult cases from an arm chair in Scotland Yard.

Constable Wensley joined the London police force in 1887. The following year occurred the famous "Jack-the-Ripper" murders, which horrified the world and kept London, especially the Whitechapel section, in a terror of fear for months. There were even "ripper" victims, and the murders, all alike in the macabre fury with which the criminal carved and mutilated, occurred over a period of six months.

Caught Anarchists.
The identity of "Jack" was never disclosed, although Sir Melville L. MacNaghten, former chief of the C. I. D., said, after his retirement, that the Ripper committed suicide on November 30, the day following the last of his atrocious crimes, and that Scotland Yard knew who he was, where he lived, and how he died. It was assumed by the public that he was a man of education and position who succumbed to the impulses of a criminal streak and committed suicide when the police were about to close in on him.

While divisional detective inspector in charge of the Whitechapel area, in 1910, Wensley discovered the whereabouts of the famous gang of anarchists led by "Peter the Painter," who had killed a police sergeant and wounded four of his fellows. Wensley rounded up the suspects in a house in London, and the famous "siege of 100 days," a battle that lasted even longer, took place before the suspects were captured.

Scott guards, police and a battery of artillery were engaged under the direction of that doughty warrior, Winston Churchill. During the spectacular battle a policeman was wounded in the street. Wensley dashed from his shelter when he saw the man fall to the pavement, and amid a hail of bullets from the entrenched anarchists in the building he carried the injured man to safety. For this feat he received the king's medal.

Solved Thompson Murder.
The following year another gruesome murder occurred in London. Leon Beron, an elderly Frenchman, was found in a bathhouse common; he had been stabbed 19 times, and on each cheek a letter "S" had been carved. Quietly and patiently Wensley pieced together tiny bits of evidence that linked the murder with the Roundhead murders which had led to the "battle of Sidney street."

Leon Beron had given information that had led the police to the hideout of the gang in Sidney street. Since Morrison was the man Wensley wanted for Beron's murder, and it was not long until he walked into a restaurant which Morrison frequented, called the murderer outside, and steered with him to the nearest police station, without handcuffs, as though this were the most casual arrest and not the capture of an international crook.

One of the most famous murder cases in which Wensley figured as chief detective was the Edith Thompson-Fredrick Bywaters case in 1922,

which was an English version of the Snyder-Gray case in America five years later.

Like Edith Snyder, Edith Thompson was fond of gaiety and dancing, while her husband, a shipping clerk, found his greatest pleasure in boating, fishing and swimming; like the Snyders, the Thompsons lived in a middle-class suburb near the great city, and Edith found relaxation from the humdrum of domestic life with her uninteresting husband by flitting to the city to meet a lover—Bywaters—as often as possible. And each time she met him, for months prior to the murder, she and her paramour had discussed getting rid of her unwanted husband. Again and again she tried to poison him, but each time she failed, as many notes to Bywaters, later found in his room, indicated.

Method His Own.
Finally the wife decided upon immediate and drastic action. She invited her lover to dinner, for he was friendly with the husband, and afterward suggested that they all go to see a motion picture. On the pretext of going by a shorter route the lovers led the doomed husband down a dark and narrow side street and there he was stabbed, the wife immediately afterward screaming for help, while the lover disappeared.

Here again was a case that at first seemed to offer no clues. But Wensley was a master at getting the information he wanted by a few adroit questions. Sir Richard Muir, who was for many years chief crown prosecutor, and who naturally came into frequent close contact with Wensley's work, once said to him: "His methods are his own, and many a criminal who made the mistake of underestimating him learned too late how clever he really was. By a few well-chosen questions he has the rare gift of laying bare a man's innermost thoughts."

A few questions put to the gullible Edith Thompson resulted in her telling the whole story, which brought her and her lover to the gallows. Unlike the Snyder-Gray pair, however, their love did not cool after their arrest, and they sent loving messages to each other constantly until the end.

Murder Protests Too Much.

Another murderer whose crime was uncovered by Wensley's detective methods was Norman Thorne, who murdered his sweetheart, Elsie Cameron, at his poultry farm at Crowborough, in December, 1925. Following the girl's disappearance, Thorne wrote anxious letters to her parents asking where she was, and even in several personal messages to her in the newspapers, begging her to communicate with him, saying that no matter what had happened he forgave all, and ending: "You must realize, dear, the almost intolerable agony your silence is causing not only to your parents, but to me."

Wensley concluded that the lover was protesting too much and sent men to search Thorne's little farm. The girl's body and suitcase were found buried behind his chicken house and Thorne was hanged for his crime.

One of Wensley's most recent and remarkable pieces of work was that of directing the inquiry into the murder of Police Constable Gutteridge, who was shot and killed one night on a lonely road in Essex by two motor bandits. There were apparently no clues to work on, and the C. I. D. for weeks, under Wensley's direction, combed the underworld of London for any slight shred of evidence on which they could begin to build up a case. Finally their work was rewarded and the two guilty men captured, convicted and hanged.

During his long warfare with the underworld Wensley has frequently received threats against his life and had a number of narrow escapes from the attempted vengeance of criminal enemies, but he has gone imperturbably on his way making Scotland Yard famous for always getting its man.

Cost of Illness Set at 4 Billions Yearly

Washington.—Cost of illness to the American public is computed by Dr. Homer Folks, a prominent social worker, at the tremendous annual total of \$3,720,000,000, or almost the same amount it cost to operate the United States government in the last fiscal year. This total is divided as follows: Physicians, \$745,000,000; quacks, \$120,000,000; dispensaries, \$2,233,824; hospitals, \$404,501,572; nursing, \$151,000,000; medical supplies, \$700,000,000; dental, \$285,000,000; loss of wages \$1,245,000,000; prevention of illness \$2,200,000,000. In addition, Doctor Folks estimates loss of wages due to premature death caused by illness at \$1,000,000,000 annually.

Rules Roosters Have

Legal Right to Crow

Glenn Falls, N. Y.—Roosters of this vicinity may crow as long, loudly and early as they please, according to a decision of J. Ward Russell, city attorney, who was called upon to settle the matter. Numerous residents had complained that the birds continually disturbed their slumbers.

The mayor stated he had never heard of an ordinance for quieting roosters and Russell decided there was nothing to be done about the fowls outside of using them for Sunday dinners or following the ancient maxim of "early to bed and early to rise."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW

QUESTIONS

1. What contribution, with the aid of a kite, did Benjamin Franklin make to science?
2. In what state is the Garden of the Gods?
3. How many hours are in 1680 minutes?
4. Where was the strength of Samson?
5. What is a carnivorous animal?
6. What is a gingham?
7. What nerve connects the eye with the brain?
8. Who was the heroine in "Courtship of Miles Standish?"
9. Who invented the sewing machine?
10. On what continent is the Amazon river?
11. From what animal is mutton obtained?
12. What was the author of the "Fourteen Points?"

ANSWERS

- to Last Week's Questions
1. The refusal of the chief executive to sign a new law.
 2. Topeka.
 3. The making of rope.
 4. Carry blood to the heart.
 5. An active volcano in Hawaii.
 6. Yes, it reflects the light and makes the room less dark.
 7. Articles or pictures of small merit produced to earn the daily bread.
 8. The Panama.
 9. Nitrogen.
 10. Judas Iscariot.
 11. The telephone.
 12. Egg whites beaten stiff and cooked. It is often used in pies.

Seventeenth of March

Once "Noah's Ark Day"

Long before the Irish taught us that March 17 was St. Patrick's day, this date was celebrated in England for a very curious reason. In the Middle Ages it was regarded as the anniversary of the day upon which Noah entered the ark. Noah's Ark day was specially made the occasion for the performance of the mystery play that dramatized with considerable freedom the Biblical record of the flood. In this Noah's wife was always the principal comic character, being depicted as the typical shrew.

The quarrels between Noah and his helpmate created great amusement for the spectators. When the ark is ready the lady stoutly refuses to go in unless she may take some of her friends along. The patriarch, however, will not stand much nonsense, and when the time for embarkation comes he dispatches his three sons to bring their mother aboard. They find her with her gossips in a tavern, and after much rough to-do and broad comedy they seize her and drag her to the ark. Arrived there, she breaks out as a worse temptress than ever, shrieking with rage she sets about beating her husband, man to the diversion of the spectators of noisy England.—Manchester Guardian.

French Convicts Under Stern Rule of Silence

In France's modern prison of Fresnes, built in 1890, white-masked prisoners live in absolute silence. They neither see each other's faces nor hear their voices. From the moment a metal number is hung around his neck, the prisoner is required to wear a white hood whenever he leaves his cell, and he may not speak to his fellows. He sets the face of his guard from time to time, but to other, unless he is sent to the hospital or to the warden for discipline. Alone in his cell, he works eight hours a day, but food will and still enable him to reduce the time to six hours and the money he earns enables him to buy small comforts. The government receives thirty-two cents a day from the contractors for each prisoner's work and gives from three tenths to half the money to the prisoner. The prisoner never sees the money until he leaves, but half of it is placed to his immediate credit for his little expenses. Yet in spite of all that, many criminals ask to be sent there because the solitude entitles them to a reduction of one-fourth of their sentence.

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SOUTH WATERFORD

Schools opened on this Monday. The teachers are boarding with Mrs. Hermon Holt.

Mrs. Fannie Green and her nephew Laurence McKee of Milton, Mass., had a fine motor trip to Montreal, Que., the first of last week. Mr. McKee has been visiting his aunt for a short time.

Mrs. Alice Wolfe has been in her home on Stanwood Hill the past week entertaining friends. Mrs. Alfred Merrill has been assisting her with the housework.

Frank Billings is doing repair work on the Gerry house.

The Parker House summer guests are gone. Mrs. Eugene Kilgore, Miss Lillian Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Goodwin, Mrs. Ida Riggs, Mrs. Ida A. Holden and the Charles Hamlin family attended the Eastern Star meeting at the Flat on Friday. A fine supper was served before the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Rogers are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, arriving on Sept. 1st. Mrs. Rogers is with her sister Mrs. Hazel Gardner at the Flat, caring for her.

Many from our vicinity attended the Oxford County Fair both during the day and evening. Thursday Mrs. A. A. Monroe and daughters, Alice Newell and Etrel, motored to Cornish by the way of Bridgton. They visited a cousin, Mrs. Frank Smith in Cornish. They returned home by the way of Fryeburg calling on Mrs. Virginia Hagar, who has recently had a bad fall on the cellar stairs cracking the bones of her right arm and bruising her face badly. She has been several weeks recovering.

Mrs. Eliza Charles of Harrison has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ida Riggs, the past week.

Mrs. Marion Hamlin has been ill for a week and is now with her mother, Mrs. Wilbur Moulton of Sweden.

John Kimball had a fine trip to the Oxford County Fair, Sept. 8th with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Abbott of South Paris.

Don York the guide estimates that 75 salmon have been taken into his boat from Bear Pond during the season of fishing.

Mrs. Harriet Brown and her son Harold were on Bridgton Bridge on Sunday to visit Mrs. Brown's brother who is in jail.

Miss Phoebe Hapgood, Mrs. Martha Perry, Mrs. A. A. Monroe and daughters, Alice and Etrel, and a lovely party, this being Oxford, last October, Cass and Naples recently.

Mrs. Ella P. M. Rogers of Falmouth, Me., visited in town on Sunday from Cambridge, Mass. where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank Perkins. Mrs. Perkins is in the hospital, Mrs. M. Rita Watson for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hall and baby Nancy of Portland were in town, called on by Mrs. A. A. Monroe. The baby is in the hospital for a few days.

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relative in Lovell.

Ed Farmer has been digging his potatoes, so has overdone and is not as well.

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Miss Stone from Waterford in the grades, so has overdone and is not as well.

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County News

MAINE CROP PROSPECTS BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

August weather conditions were favorable to many Maine crops although in northern sections local showers have caused uneven crop growth, according to a joint report issued by the United States and Maine Departments of Agriculture.

The Maine potato crop is now forecast at 42,933,000 bushels compared with 40,403,000 bushels indicated last month, 39,380,000 bushels harvested last year and 36,994,000 bushels the 1923-1927 average, while there has been an abundance of moisture through the growing season, to September 1 this year late blight had not become very general. Aphids, however, are causing some damage to vines. Production for New England as a whole is placed at 52,234,000 bushels as compared with 48,092,000 bushels last year and 47,253,000 bushels the average for the recent five years. In most instances the drought is proving to be a boon to New England potato yields.

Commercial apples in Maine are forecast at 675,000 barrels, a decided increase over the indications of last month. It compares with 287,000 barrels last year and 538,000 barrels the five year average production. Total production this year at 3,250,000 bushels is more than twice the size of the 1928 crop and slightly above the average. As compared with last year and two years ago the indications point to higher production of all varieties except Duchess which shows slightly smaller prospects. Baldwins are above last year's indications by 28% while McIntosh are 84% greater.

For New England commercial apples are expected to total 1,800,000 barrels compared with 1,479,000 barrels harvested last year and 1,922,000 barrels the 1923-1927 average. McIntosh apples will be more plentiful this year than last while Baldwins may be less but both will be less than two years ago. New England is expected to produce less peaches this year but more pears and grapes.

Corn condition is rated at 80% in Maine and indicates a crop below that harvested last year and the average. The oat crop is placed at 4,788,000 bushels compared with 4,200,000 bushels harvested last year and 5,041,000 bushels the average 1923-1927. Wheat is reported at 91% condition, barley at 55% and buckwheat at 90%. Production of the grains is slightly higher than last year. A total of 1,552,000 tons of hay is forecast for Maine this month. This is slightly above the average crop but lower than the bumper 1928 production. For New England as a whole feed crops are expected to be better than those produced last year but to total somewhat below the average.

The United States crop situation has been considerably changed by the widespread drought which affected the whole country during August. Crop prospects declined nearly 5%. Corn prospects declined sharply and with a condition of 67.9% the September forecast is now placed at 2,455,907,000 bushels or 13% below the final production of last year. The 1929 wheat crop is given at 780,000,000 bushels or 13% less than the 1928 crop and 8% below average. Oat prospects indicate a production of 1,205,000,000 bushels or about 244 millions below last year's harvest and 140 millions bushels below the average. The barley crop at 304,143,000 bushels is 52 millions below the record 1929 figure. Production of buckwheat is forecast at 12,523,000 bushels. In many sections the hay crop was harvested before a crop of 93,000,000 tons is indicated. There was an unusual decline in pasture conditions during August which placed the average at 67.1%.

Prospects for potatoes were reduced considerably during the past month and the forecast now is for a crop of 340,112,000 bushels. This compares with the record crop of 461,493,000 bushels harvested last year and 342,756,000 bushels the average. The decline was general except in New England and some far western states. Commercial apples are forecast at 2,475,000 barrels which is nearly 16% below last year's crop. Total apples are estimated at 145,523,000 bushels. The peach crop is placed at 44,374,000 bushels, pear crop at 20,050,000 bushels, and the grape crop at 2,032,000 tons.

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NORTHWEST BETHEL

Quite a number from here attended Norway Fair last week.

Miss Olive Grover spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. H. A. Skillings, and family.

School began Monday with Marion Skillings as teacher.

Lester Coolidge of Rumford was a Sunday caller at his brother's, Floyd Coolidge's.

The Academy students began school Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Abbott of Woodford are spending their vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown.

Miss Elizabeth Holt of Lynn, Mass., has been visiting her nephew, Frank Brown, and family.

Eva and Eleanor Beck are attending school here.

Edward Briggs of South Paris is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Frank Gibson.

Mrs. Frank Gibson and family attended the fair at South Paris.

E. S. Skillings of Lewiston was a recent guest at Lee Mason's.

Edward Quinn of Portland was a recent guest of his aunt, Mrs. Helen Perkins.

Carl Brown and family were callers at Lee Mason's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mason and granddaughter, Doris Littlefield, have returned to Montello, Mass., where Mr. Mason has work for the winter.

Mrs. Maud O'Reilly spent Monday with friends here collecting wild flowers for a garden. She has over 9 specimens in her collection.

Perkins Valley, Woodstock

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hendrickson, Mary Hendrickson, Leslie Turlov, Mrs. Nelson Perham and Norman were in Portland on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cox and Donald, Mrs. Vill Silver, and Mrs. Charles Swinton were calling on relatives in Redding Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendrickson will stay at the Conant place for a few weeks while Mr. Hendrickson superintends the apple picking.

Mary Hendrickson attended teachers convention at Rumford Thursday.

Dana Dudley bought a horse of A. R. Hendrickson recently.

Waino Hekkinen is carrying milk to Lewiston for Alva Hendrickson while he is hauling corn.

Erna Perham gave a picnic to her Sabbath school class Sunday. They had a treat of hot cocoa, cake and sandwiches, with toasted marshmallows and roast corn. Those present were Alta, Miriam and Olive Hendrickson, Benah Littlefield, Myrtle, Herbert and Clarence Allen, Mrs. Bert Allen and Erna Perham.

NORTH NORWAY

Picking and hauling sweet corn to the factory has been the order of the day for the past week or ten days with several of the farmers in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cummings of West Paris were callers at E. T. Jenkins' Monday afternoon.

School in the Swift's Corner district began Monday with the same teacher as last year, Miss Wilcox Young of Crockett's Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pierce of North West Norway are working in the corn shop at East Waterford. Ralph Watson of Norway Center is also working there.

Ernest Watson, Norway Center, is working in the Norway corn shop.

Howard Heath is picking apples for E. G. Farnham.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Austin of Noble's Corner are working in the Norway corn shop.

MILTON

Mrs. Gertrude Sessions Pope has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. A. Pope.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson of St. Charles Falls were Sunday visitors at Florence Jackson's.

A. B. Swan of New Gloucester has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Lopham.

Mrs. George Davis was a caller at Mrs. J. H. Ackley's one day recently.

Clara Jackson took a party of friends to Farmington Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Billings and children had family picnic at Freeman Moore's Sunday. Nearly all of the family of twelve children were present with the grand children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Lord are calling on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Millett.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Russell of Rumford were recent callers at Orla R. Mrs. J. H. Ackley attended the Norway and South Paris last week.

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Diana Wall Pitts and daughter Josephine of Louisiana; Mrs. Pitts' mother, Mrs. Wall, of Rockland, and two friends were guests Thursday night and Friday forenoon of Mrs. Columbia Dunham and R. T. Flavin's family.

Alva Curtis of Peru has been visiting his niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Billon.

Mrs. Abbie Pierce of Braindree, Mass., was a guest last week of Mrs. Sara Curtis, and called on old friends.

Harold Gammon conveyed Davis Curtis, Stanley Andrews, Frederick Briggs and Lewis J. Mann, all Boy Scouts, to Portland last Wednesday to see the National Grand Army parade. They reported a wonderful time.

Edward W. Murdoch of Arlington, Mass., was a guest at H. R. Tuell's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gammon, Mrs. Wright W. Flavin and others were in Portland last week to attend the national meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Mrs. Alice Higgins and four children of Portland, and Billy Roderick of Norway came to attend the funeral of Will P. Dunham.

Mrs. Fannie Dinmore is at the Central Maine General Hospital for medical treatment.

Charles E. Stearns was injured by a belt at the factory of L. M. Mann & Son Monday. The injury to the side of his head and shoulder swelled badly. Dr. Kay took him for an X-ray examination, which disclosed no broken bones but a large broken artery. He is recovering.

Edward L. Penley, who works at the Sun-Journal office, has been ill, and Mrs. Penley has been down there with him.

EAST MILTON

BILLINGS REUNION

The first annual reunion of the Billings family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Moyer Sunday, Sept. 15. At noon dinner was served to forty. Among them being Mrs. Ada Billings mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Billings and four children, Florence, Lola, Eunice and Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. Jaines Billings and four children, Gertrude, Luna, Ola and Lloyd, all of East Milton; Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tyler of Norway; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ray and two children, Arthur and Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Graves and daughter Daphney of South Gray; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams and three children, Leo, Fay and Gordon, Mrs. Ethel Crockett and two children, Richard and Clayton, of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Dennison of New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Clifford of Rumford, beside the host and hostess and two children, Ruth and Harlan Morse. An invitation was given to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Billings next year, the third Sunday in September.

School opened Sept. 16, with Ruth Harris of Rumford as teacher.

Willie Bean has moved his family to with Mrs. Grace Eldridge.

Jed Billings is working for Bert Davis.

EAST STONEHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McAlister are working in the corn shop at North Waterford. Her mother, Mrs. Totes is caring for the children.

Miss Ruth Edwards of Boston is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnson.

Miss Mamie Littlefield has returned from her visit at Farmington, N. H.

Miss Christine Nelson has visited Norway High School and Albert Nelson has returned for the winter year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chapman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kendall and family and Carol Curtis mother to Farmington Sunday.

Adrian Stearns has been visiting friends in Farmington, N. H., the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Homer of Hallowell were Sunday guests of A. P. Moody's.

J. C. Fitts' moving van called at the K. of P. Hall Sept. 12, for the purpose of selecting some suitable equipment for the town.

Miss Gladys Kilgus has finished

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work for Mrs. Lillian Morse at Waterford and is at her home here for the present.

The Girels entertained by Mrs. Mary Raynor and Mrs. Georgia McAlister was well attended. Movies were enjoyed after the supper.

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You Can't Go Wrong

When Clarence Reformed

By CORONA REMINGTON

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MAN is an animal, and frequently a wild animal; but there are some animals who are most exceedingly tame. Clarence Maxey, for instance, was a good man—a fine fellow, in fact; but he had no mysterious powers, and you could never expect him to do anything unexpected. He was a bookworm and liked it—never had been out of the house.

It was fate, or instinct, or a nature, or the great law of causation, or the cussedness of fate, that he should fall in love with Dorothy, the most dashing, vivacious little cashier that ever sat behind a register and welded a tip.

He loved her, Clarence, she said, "but you're slow! You don't get any pep, honey. Not a bit of pep." It was the first time she had ever called him "honey," and it took the life out of her rather painful criticism.

"I know it," he stammered humbly. "I'm slow and you're decent, you love me, and those three count more than everything else."

"I want to be just the kind you want me to be," he answered dolefully. "You've got it in you all right. It's in your eyes every once in a while, but the trouble is you've been put up by two old maid aunts who made you go calling with them on Sunday afternoons when you should have been out snowballing with the boys."

"Now, I'm going to tell you something. You're going to ask me for a raise and if you don't get it, don't go to marry me."

"Dorothy, we're engaged!" he blurted out. "I've got a girl, haven't you? Old time has one, haven't you? How long have you had a raise, Clarence?"

"Three years!" he admitted. "In fact, I got the last one, just last week."

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That night at supper Clarence broke the news to his aunts.

"Going to get married?" he said. "Pass the bread, please."

"Oh, Clarence, you? Marry?" Aunt Hannah squeaked faintly. "I'd like to know why in thunder not," he demanded.

"Dear, dear," said Aunt Agatha. "I can hardly believe it's our little Clarence—he was always such a gentle, sweet boy."

"Oh, h—!" said Clarence fervently, and went up to his room. A few minutes later he heard his aunt's voice in the hall below. She was evidently talking over the phone.

"Yes, we're awfully proud of him. Of course he talks to us as if we were brainless babies, but most men think women are that, anyway."

"Lord love Dorothy," sighed Clarence giving credit where credit was due.

Science Finds Another "Birthplace of Mankind"

The traditional site of the Garden of Eden as the birthplace of man is now thought to have been definitely placed. According to Dr. G. G. McCurdy of Yale, man in his present form first appeared about 1,000,000 years ago, probably in Mesopotamia.

A still earlier type of man lived about 1,250,000 years ago, when the climate was uniformly mild. They managed to survive three successive ice ages, during which the glaciers descended from the north and covered a large part of the earth.

During the fourth ice age, early man was driven into caves to live and became a nomad.

According to Dr. Ernest Antevy, a Swedish geologist, man began to develop into his present form only about 12,000 years ago. It was about this time that the glaciers receded from the Scandinavian peninsula. It is thought that the polar ice caps may also melt in another similar period of 12,000 years, leaving the earth in a climate of perpetual spring.

Cashed His Education

"Well, my good fellow, this is a great university. Its name is known in every corner of the world. When you leave here you can be proud of your background. Think of it. You have had every advantage a young man could desire. Your four years have been spent in profitable pursuit of the greatest thoughts of the greatest minds the world has known. Now your time has come to choose a profession. The world is entitled to expect a lot from you. What are you going to turn your hand to?"

"I've got a fine job at a pickle factory," London Tilt-Bits.

Natural Gas Waste

The problem of what to do with large quantities of natural gas which are going to waste is troubling the bureau of mines.

In many areas the gas cannot be transported for fuel and local conditions have prevented its being returned to the oil sands to form new gas. The result has been a tremendous waste. The bureau is seeking some means of converting it into products such as methanol, ammonia, for maldehyde and other such things which may be economically transported to markets.

Heavy Loser

All is not sugar for the sweet potato grower, for all raisers of vegetables he suffers about the heaviest loss. An average of fully 40 per cent of his crop is lost each year through more than two score plant diseases. The losses occur either in the field, in transportation or on the market. The sweet potato is easily wounded in the field, when it is broken off the stem it suffers a wound and any one of the lurking organisms is thus enabled to make its destructive way into the potato.

Bread's Value Recognized

It is a matter of scientific knowledge that the diet of the human family, in the majority of cases, is due to a subconscious sense of the human system needs. That is, the bread has been the first of the instinctive choices. The yeast that helps to make bread is rich in anti-scurvy vitamins. The yeast which causes the bread to rise generates these vitamins in large quantities, which tend to improve the condition of the skin.

ARTHUR BRISBANE WILL WRITE FOR THIS PAPER

We are about to begin publication of a feature of such brilliancy and individuality that, were it unsigned, careful readers of newspapers would immediately identify its authorship.

It is not improbable that something like 20,000,000 sturdy Americans of all classes, including thousands of writers, believe that Arthur Brisbane is the greatest editorial writer of the present day. "Think, think, think," is his slogan, and his immense following is due to the fact that he can phrase his thoughts with such brevity and clarity that they are immediately understood by everyone.

Champion and exemplar of the square deal, Arthur Brisbane is the apostle of tomorrow, the prophet of a better time. Human nature, harassed, perplexed, accepts the Brisbane faith that the tomorrow of the race will be greater, finer, nobler, more bearable than it is today. Every day, therefore, one-fifth of the newspaper reading population of the United States consumes his editorials as largely as it eats its bran or oatmeal and toast and eggs.

Brisbane has an unequalled facility for simplifying complex material and making it attractive. For example, if he wanted to "put over" a talk on hygiene and dietetics, he would entitle it "Dixie Poor Moses. He Had No Teabag." His writings have achieved a reputation for the originality which attracts the brilliant which holds the paradox which makes people think, and the bluntness which convinces.

The adage: "Whatever is is right," does not go with Brisbane. Whatever is isn't right, to him. It can be, and should be, better. He is the highest priced editorial writer in the world. He wouldn't do, and couldn't be so high priced, if his clear and humanly attractive philosophy were not worth the money.

We shall carry a column entitled: "This Week," by Arthur Brisbane. It will be just what its name implies—thoughts inspired by the latest happenings and trends throughout the world, but more particularly in America. The feature will seize and hold you, greatly to your entertainment and profit.

What makes a hop-skip and jump tourist, who has just done Europe in four weeks, groan in anguished disappointment is to have some one invite him to "tell all about" his trip and then, just as he is about to swing into action, he is drawn into the back eddies and compelled to listen to the other fellow's technical description of the method he used in improving his golf. There, dearly beloved, is agony of the soul seven times compounded.

A circular addressed to "Samuel Chapin, corner of State and Chestnut streets," Springfield, Mass., was sent out by a mail order house. The Samuel Chapin in question is a bronze statue of Deane Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield. At that chance are that the mail order literature which floods the average man's desk would get just about as much attention from Deane Samuel as it does from the rest of us.

An old saying and a young truth have been sent by the British government to be planted in the grounds surrounding the mansion of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. It is said that other countries have been invited by the Chinese National Government to contribute specimens of national flora. Let's see! In the olive tree indigenous to Italy?

A cow in Massachusetts died after eating grass from a tree that had been sprayed and the officials of the spraying company have told her owner that notice had been posted on the tree that had been sprayed. Cows around Boston should be able to read, at least.

In expressing a willingness to marry an American girl with money, King Zog of Albania fails to explain why any girl should want to marry a man with such a name.

A household suggestion in a Chicago paper says that ripe tomatoes will remove ink stains. The tomato stains may then be easily removed with ink.

PAINTED TOTEMS ROUSE INDIANS

Preservation of Alaskan Relics Fails to Get Tribal Approval.

Ketchikan, Alaska.—Alaska Indians are keeping some distance from their totem poles—family crests of north-west tribes—because the poles and carved monuments have been painted with creosote and new colors by a government preservation outfit. All the important Alaska totems are to be rehabilitated and painted.

The plan for saving from decay and theft the famous carved monuments originated with the Smithsonian Institution, and U. W. Kreiger, national museum ethnology curator, arrived here last fall to organize the work. Hoisting gear for erecting fallen poles and painting crews were established at Kasaan, largest totem village.

Carving Lost Art.

This summer preservation work is being conducted at several other native settlements. The carving of totem poles from solid logs of white cedar is a lost art, as the northwest Indians have forgotten the knack of intricate chiseling with the advent of white men. None has been carved for a generation.

Alaska has been steadily losing her totem poles by sale, theft and decay. Unless they can be successfully preserved and protected summer tourists of the future will not be able to stand and wonder at these quaint specters rising skyward and telling, with carved animal heads and inscriptions from forgotten Indian languages, folk lore stories of northland tribes.

Largest Collection.

At the abandoned village called Kasaan about 150 totems are standing. This collection is declared the largest in the north. The village was deserted years ago when natives moved to Nuk Kasaan, where work in canneries was available.

Kasaan's totems are of many sizes and descriptions. Some are of imposing proportions with the four distinct emblems of the bear, crow, toad and eagle represented. The big poles are carved from pine to base with gorgeously sign language. The totems are cut on cedar, which is slow in perishing.

The colored creosote paint being used will resist climatic ravages, keep off woodpeckers and boring beetles. Theft of totems is imperiled by their size and no shipping concern will accept them.

Reading and Writing Now Taught in Prison

Springfield, Ill.—Reading and writing have been added to the list of duties for inmates of Illinois state prisons. Before any inmate can be "educated" from a prison in the state, he must have an elementary knowledge of reading and writing as a condition of admission to the prison.

Warden will determine who needs such instruction and will provide an eight-hour daily program for those who cannot read or write. Brandon said.

This program will not require a man to remain in prison longer than his term. Brandon said. He also stated that the program will be in the hands of a few months.

Some of the better educated prisoners will be put in charge of the program, under Brandon's plan.

Aged Man Gets Wish to Sleep and Never Waken

Waverly, Ind.—A man to sleep and never wake up! That is the wish of an elderly man who has been in the hospital for some time. His daughter, Mrs. William B. Waverly, said shortly afterwards that the man was not serious.

The last surviving member of a family of English settlers who settled here in the early 1700s, the same ship as Elizabeth Sutton, whom he later married.

High Voltage Kills

Pittsburgh, Pa.—A boy, 12 years old, was killed when he came in contact with a high voltage wire at a power station. The boy was named William B. Waverly.

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